

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
October 11, 2021

Present: Jennifer Anderson, Jacob Benda, Joyce Brown, Isaac Drewes, Dave Geslin, Nils Halker, Kathrine Handford, Kristina Langlois, Kris Rizzotto, Lise Schmidt

Absent: Stacie Lightner, Laura Potratz, John Varona

Also present: Chaplain John Setterlund

Call to Order by Dean Jacob Benda at 6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting via the Zoom App.

The meeting began with comments by Chaplain John Setterlund. Concerts are being performed and the audiences are returning much to everyone's delight. He encouraged everyone to publicize their events of interest in *Pipenotes* and *Pipedreams*. He also encouraged all members to attend and support our fellow musicians in their endeavors.

The agenda for this meeting was approved.

Motion: Lise Schmidt moved to approve the Sept. 2021 Minutes.

Second: Jennifer Anderson

Motion carried

Report: Secretary: There is no report this month.

Report: Treasurer's Report given by David Geslin

June 30, 2021 was the end of last year's fiscal year. The year was well managed and the budget is in good shape. There was a discussion regarding the *Pipedreams* Scholarship. There are not as many applications as expected. The endowment has doubled.

Motion: Kathrine Handford moved that we approve and accept the 2020-2021 budgets as presented.

Second: Lise Schmidt

Motion carried.

Discussion continued about the present budget. We are healthy financially. Our membership is shrinking, but the funds are still doing extraordinary well.

There will be an audit starting in November ending in June.

Motion: Lise Schmidt moved to approve to start the audit.

Second: Nils Halker

Motion Carried.

At this point, Phil Asgian joined us in the meeting to present and discuss the National AGO Achievement Award Program. This program, created by the national AGO, is designed to provide resources for organ learners of all ages. (There is more information on the national website.) It is designed to get people of all ages engaged. There are five courses which will have a syllabus and assignments to be completed: The Organ Console, Organ Registration, Manual and Pedal Technique, Transposition, and Harmony. There are also guidelines for organ teachers and mentors.

There was much discussion on this proposal. There is concern around a student having both a mentor and teacher and the working relationship of all involved. There is concern about how the program is administered and if we create our own rules and whether this program should go through the education committee. It was decided that Phil Asgian will continue to work with David Jenkins on refining this program.

Report: Sub Dean's report given by Jennifer Anderson.

The Program Committee is continuing their work on the Mid-Winter Workshop to be presented in January.

Report: Historic Concerns Committee report given by Nils Halker.

The November Organ Crawl event is all set to go. There will be Covid protocols honored. People will be asked to wear masks and to register.

Report: Dean's report given by Jacob Benda.

-The Regional Convention planning continues. Currently National needs to approve having a Co-Chair along with the Chair for planning and managing the convention.

-The Organ Scholar Program discussed at September's meeting will not be happening for the time being. There needs to be a church actively looking to set up a potential Musical internship. This may be a program for the future.

-David Jenkins is working on moving our Archives to the Minnesota Historical Society.

-The Directory was discussed. There is consensus that we need to have both printed paper and electronic versions made available to our members.

Motion: Kristina Langlois moved that we close the meeting.

Second: Lise Schmidt

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Joyce Brown, Secretary

Next Meeting: November 8, 2021

